

Corporate Strategy and Financial Plan

Drivers for a new Corporate Strategy

- » To help articulate manifesto commitments - tying them to our 2020 vision and embedding them across the council as corporate priorities:

“Bath and North East Somerset will be internationally renowned as a beautifully inventive and entrepreneurial 21st century place with a strong social purpose and a spirit of wellbeing, where everyone is invited to think big – a ‘connected’ area ready to create an extraordinary legacy for future generations”

- » To enable us to more effectively allocate resources which deliver against Corporate priorities
- » To integrate the previously separate Corporate Strategy and financial planning processes
- » To integrate directorate and financial plans (MTSRPs) through new Directorate Plans

Key priorities

- » The Corporate Strategy is built around the core commitments outlined and agreed by Cabinet at their meeting in July *(increasing efficiency, new homes and jobs, transport, young people, cleaner, greener and healthier local communities, greater independence for older people)*
- » The Strategy identifies four corporate priorities which will deliver on these commitments and will form our focus over the next 4 years as we move towards our 2020 vision:
 - » A strong economy and growth
 - » A focus on prevention
 - » A new relationship with customers and communities
 - » An efficient business

Timetable for development

Milestone	Date
Corporate Strategy development	July-August 15
Draft Corporate Strategy to Cabinet	09 September 15
High level PDS consultation on Corporate Strategy and Directorate Plans (including 4 yr. settlement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, Housing and Economic Development PDS Panel • Communities, Transport and Environment PDS Panel • Children and Young People PDS Panel • Resources PDS Panel • Health and Wellbeing Select Committee 	<i>Nb. Dates to be confirmed</i> 03 November 15 16 November 15 17 November 15 18 November 15 25 November 15
Near final Corporate Strategy, Directorate Plans and 4 yr. settlement to Cabinet	02 December 15
Consultation with PDS on the detail in Corporate Strategy, Directorate Plans and 4 year settlement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, Housing and Economic Development PDS Panel • Communities, Transport and Environment PDS Panel • Children and Young People PDS Panel • Resources PDS Panel • Health and Wellbeing Select Committee 	<i>Nb. Dates to be confirmed</i> 05 January 16 11 January 16 12 January 16 13 January 16 27 January 16
Corporate Strategy, Directorate Plans and 4 yr. settlement to Cabinet	10 February 16
Corporate Strategy, Directorate Plans and 4 yr. settlement to Council	16 February 16

Policy Development & Scrutiny

» **What is your role**

- » Helping to improve Performance & Delivery of Services
- » Ensuring effective Public engagement & participation in the decision making process
- » You are not expected to be financial experts but you have a key role in ensuring accountability and whether the budget plans offer best value for money for the public
- » Scrutiny is different to Audit, as it provides 'Effective Challenge', rather than ensuring that there is appropriate assurance over all of the Councils activities.

» **Key questions to consider**

- » Q1. What is the potential impact of these plans?
- » Q2. Why has the executive decided to spend money on this?
- » Q3. Do the outcomes demonstrate financial or social Value?
- » Q4. What would happen if the Council stopped spending on this?

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» Conventions

We have a convention within the constitution (Part 4E Rule 13) that if members wish to object to a financial saving proposal and make a recommendation that would involve the Council Incurring additional expenditure (or reducing income) It has a responsibility to:-

- a) *consider / advise on how the Council should fund that item from within its existing resources*
- b) *or the extent to which that should be seen as a priority for future years' budget considerations.*